

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
KARUNANANDAA *et al.*

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Molecules Associated with Sterol Synthesis and
Metabolism



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Docket No. 16516.075/05686.0004.NPUS01

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Communication be extended 3 months from February 21, 2001 to May 21, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 127801. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Arnold and Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16516.075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David R. Marsh".

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